

REMARKS

1.) Claim Amendments

Claims 1, 14, 23, and 25-27 are amended by this Response. Claims 8-13, and 24 and 29 are cancelled without prejudice. New claims 30-32 are added. Thus, claims 1-7, 14-23, 25-28, and 30-32 are pending in the application. Applicant submits that no new matter has been added. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

2.) Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 1-28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0093681 to Wettstein. Claims 8-13, and 24 are cancelled by this Response, thus rendering their rejection moot.

Wettstein discloses providing authorized access to services using various identity tokens that represent authorized users, services, servers or other devices, as well as specific instances of users authorized for a service and specific instances of users authorized for a service on a particular server or other device. (See Wettstein, Abstract)

The Examiner's attention is directed to the fact that Wettstein fails to disclose "wherein the user's service indicator is opaque outside the Identity Generator device", as recited in independent claim 1, or "wherein the constructed user's service indicator is opaque outside the Identity Generator device", as recited in independent claim 14.

The present invention discloses, in one embodiment, an identity Generator device arranged to generate a user's service indicator to identify the user between the service provider and the identity provider, the user's service indicator comprising a master user's identifier for identification of the user at the identity provider, and a service identifier indicating the services to be accessed at a given service provider. In one embodiment, the user is assigned a master user's identifier (UID) at the identity provider that is opaque and cannot be understood by third parties. (See Applicant's published Specification; Abstract and ¶ [0073])

In contrast, Wettstein teaches that its service authorization identity (540) is generated at service authorization process (500) and stored in identity repository (50).

As such, Wettstein teaches away from the claimed requirement that "the user's service indicator is opaque outside the Identity Generator device".

Therefore, independent claims 1 and 14 are patentable over Wettstein. Claims 2-7, 15-23, 25-28, and 30-32 are patentable at least by virtue of depending from their respective base claim.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicant believes all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims.

The Applicant requests a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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